

Discovery Elementary

Together We're Better!



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Welcome to Discovery Elementary

We take great pride in being part of your child's education and will work hard to help your child excel. Our small-school environment offers unique multi-age classrooms and looping, which allows children to form long-term, positive relationships with teachers. Our success stems from active parent involvement, personalized learning and the connections we make inside and outside of the school. We infuse the Community Cs in all we do: Cooperate, Collaborate, Contribute, Considerate, Celebrate, Cheerful, Courageous, Creative and Care. These traits help students build character and find meaningful learning opportunities. You will find our curriculum emphasizes creativity and critical thinking, resulting in students who consistently perform above state averages. It takes a village to raise a child, and we are committed to working together to help all children reach their limitless potential and become life-long learners.

"The teachers and staff at Discovery truly represent, 'Together we are better.' They truly care and teach from the heart. Our family loves walking through the doors each day knowing we are part of something great, and our children will be loved."

—Amy L., parent



Discovery Elementary was named a Minnesota School of Excellence for its commitment to modern teaching and learning.



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What Makes Discovery Unique

School of Choice

Discovery is a school of choice. Any student within the district in grades K-5 can apply for placement, which is determined through a lottery process. Each year, the lottery is held in February for admittance into kindergarten.

Multi-Age Instruction and Looping

Multi-age instruction (grades 1-2, and 3-5) ensures differentiated, individualized instruction that challenges students to reach their full potential and grow individually.

Looping allows students to remain with a teacher for two to three years, which personalizes learning and develops positive relationships. Kindergarten is a stand-alone grade at Discovery.



Hands-On Learning

Hands-on experiences promote active learning, problem solving and collaboration. In Discovery classrooms, you'll find students working cooperatively, often in small groups, conducting investigations, exploring key concepts and principles and figuring out solutions to challenges.

Meaningful Use of Technology

A purposeful use of technology enhances learning outcomes, and a 2:1 student-to-device ratio ensures access for all. BHM Schools partner with Google Apps for Education to improve communication, learning and collaboration.



Caring Connections

Students learn more when they form connections between themselves and their community. Two days per week, Discovery students participate in a mixed K-5 class called "Town Square."

Here they have opportunities to develop life skills such as respect for others, citizenship and leadership. Community service projects are embedded into learning experiences in "Town Square" and regular classes. Students remain with their same K-5 "Town



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provide community connections and a focus on social, emotional, and intellectual development in a multi-age setting that gives our students authentic learning opportunities using creativity and critical thinking to prepare them for a changing world.



Square" classes throughout their years at Discovery.

Daily Specialist Classes

All students have 25 minutes of both physical education and music every day. Classroom teachers also accompany their students to the nearby Parkside Elementary Library weekly.

Strong Parent Involvement

Strong parent involvement contributes to a culture of sharing and engagement at Discovery. The Discovery Parent Involvement Committee works with staff to plan many activities each school year to increase belonging and participation. Parents volunteer in the classroom and help organize such activities as a back-to-school open house, book fairs, Town Square readers, Art Adventure, a year-end celebration, Thanksgiving food drive, an annual community Family Fun Night Carnival, and much more.

Other Important Information

Transportation: Vision Transportation of Buffalo provides bus service for BHM Schools. Families get free busing from anywhere within the district to Discovery and can designate up to one alternate location such as daycare or a relative's house for pick-up and drop-off. Contact Vision of Buffalo at 763.682.3232 for routing and other information.

KidKare: KidKare extends your child's learning day while providing high quality care in a safe and fun environment. KidKare is available across the street from Discovery at Parkside Elementary. It is offered before and after school, fully days on non-school days and during the summer. All-day preschool programming is also available for children ages 3-5. Call 763.682.8787 for more information.



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